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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Centers, Michael C.

Serial No.: 10/671,027

Filed: 9/24/2003

For: Separation System for Single Stream Compressed Recyclables

Attorney Docket No. TITUS-P001

Examiner: Mark Hageman

Art Unit: 3653

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

1. **TRANSMITTED DOCUMENTS:** the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application are being transmitted herewith.

- ☒ a. A Statement of the Substance of an Interview: 3 pages.
- ☒ b. A copy of Interview Summary mailed from the USPTO on 12/28/2006: 3 sheets.
- ☒ c. A stamped, self-addressed, return postcard.
- ☐ d. A Check (#) for \$ to cover required fees of this correspondence.

2. **APPLICANT FILING STATUS:**

- ☐ a. Applicant is a Large Entity.
- ☒ b. Applicant is a Small Entity.

3. **EXTENSION OF TIME:**

- ☐ a. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F. R. 1.136 for the total number of 0 months checked below (fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d).

Extension of Time

Large Entity Fee

Small Entity Fee

i. One (1) month .	<u> </u> \$ 120.00	<u> </u> \$ 60.00
ii. Two (2) month .	<u> </u> \$ 450.00	<u> </u> \$ 225.00
iii. Three (3) month .	<u> </u> \$1,020.00	<u> </u> \$ 510.00
iv. Four (4) month .	<u> </u> \$ 1,590.00	<u> </u> \$ 795.00
v. Five (5) month .	<u> </u> \$ 2,160.00	<u> </u> \$ 1080.00

Extension Time Fee Total: .00

- ☒ b. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, in case Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary amount associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No: 500482.**

X Applicant does not believe that any payment of fee is needed in association with this communication. However, should Applicant inadvertently miscalculated the required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary amount associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No: 500482.**

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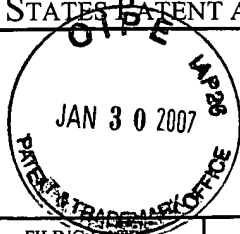
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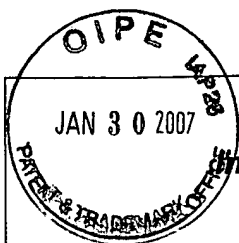
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Interview Summary

Application No.

10/671,027

Applicant(s)

CENTERS ET AL.

Examiner

Mark Hageman

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mark Hageman.

(3) _____.

(2) James Harris.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 29 November 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: NA.


Identification of prior art discussed: NA.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Agreed to enter a conforming amendment to be submitted and remove finality of previous office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


PATRICK MACKEY
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.



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Substance of Interview

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication of Dec. 28 and teleconferences of November 29, 2006 and January 4, 2007, please find the following description of the general nature of what was agreed to by Examiner Hageman and Agent Harris, the sole participants of the two calls.

November 29, 2006

As pointed out by Examiner Hageman, the last phrase of Claim 11 was inadvertently dropped from the October 16 Office Action response. Correction was made in an amendment made after final dated Dec. 8, 2006. Examiner Hageman agreed to remove finality of previous

office action.

January 4, 2007

Examiner Hageman suggested the following amendments to the claims as reproduced below;

Agent Harris agreed to the amendments.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Harris on 01-04-2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 11 line 9, "comprising first" has been changed to - - comprising a first- -, line 10, "and second" has been changed to - -and a second- -, lines 17-18, "wherein the rotary airlock precedes the drop box and the cyclone" has been changed to - -wherein the cyclone- -.

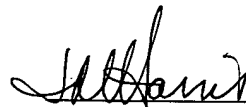
In claim 13 line 1, "conveyer" has been changed to - -conveyor- -.

In claim 14 line 6, "with first air stream flowing up from below and second" has been changed to - -with a first air stream flowing up from below and a second- -, in line 8, "of first air stream and the quantity of second" has been changed to - -of the first air stream and the quantity of the second- -, in line 9 "pneumatically" has been changed to - -pneumatic- -.

In claim 19 line 1, "conveyer" has been changed to - -conveyor- -.

Applicant acknowledges the January 8, 2007 Notice of Allowance issued in this case and appreciates Examiner Hageman's prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

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Date: 1/26/2006

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